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In response to the **Final Office Action** mailed November 13, 2006 ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and/or Remarks.

- **Listing of the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins at page 2
- **Remarks** begin at page 10.
- **Conclusions** are set forth at page 17.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time are required at this time, but if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 23-1951** (McGuireWoods). Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to the same Deposit Account.